

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Genova Meeting on Hypertension, Diabetes and Renal Diseases will be held February 23–25, 2006, at the Magazzini del Cotone, Genova, Italy. For further information, contact: Aristeia Genova, Salita di Santa Caterina 4, 16123 Genova, Italy. Telephone: (+39) 010 583224; Fax: (+39) 010 5531544; E-mail: aristeia@aristeia.com; Web site: <http://www.aristeia.com/diredi2006>

The Seventh Symposium of the Kidney Foundation, Frontiers in Nephrology 2006, will be held February 24–26, 2006, in Karachi, Pakistan. For further information, contact: 5, Amber Towers, 22-A, Block 6, PECHS, Sharah-e-Faisal, Karachi, Pakistan. Telephone: 92-21-4532336; Fax: 92-21-4380842; E-mail: excel-dia@cyber.net.pk; Web site: kidneyfoundation.net.pk

The 15th International Vincenzo Course on Peritoneal Dialysis will be held May 30–June 2, 2006, at the Congress Center Ente Fiera, Vincenzo, Italy. For further information, contact: dr. Anna Saccardo, Secretariat of the 15th International Vincenzo Course on Peritoneal Dialysis. Telephone: +39 0444 753949; Fax: +39 0444 754949; E-mail: infonefro@ulssvicenza.it; Web site: www.nefrologiavicenza.it

The 7th International Conference of the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) will be held June 7–10, 2006, in Taormina, Italy. For further information, contact: Professor Guido Bellinghieri. E-mail: gbellinghieri@hotmail.com

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BOOKS RECEIVED

Ascites and Renal Dysfunction in Liver Disease: Pathogenesis, Diagnosis, and Treatment, 2nd edition, edited by Pere Ginès, Vicente Arroyo, Juan Rodès, and Robert W. Schrier. Malden, MA and Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2005 ISBN 1-405-11804. This 450-page hard-bound text is divided into seven parts: regulation of extracellular fluid volume and renal and splanchnic circulation; factors involved in the pathogenesis of renal dysfunction and ascites in cirrhosis; systemic and splanchnic hemodynamic abnormalities in cirrhosis; ascites and sodium retention in cirrhosis; hyponatremia and water retention in cirrhosis, renal failure and hepatorenal syndrome in liver disease; and spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in cirrhosis. Within these seven major parts are 35 individual chapters written by a 66 of the most internationally renowned experts in their respective fields, in addition to chapters authored by the four editors. The chapters range in topic from extracellular fluid volume homeostasis in Part 1 to treatment and prophylaxis of spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in Part 7, with a wide compendium of topics in between. According to the Preface to this second edition, the editors express their hope that this tome “will be helpful not only to clinical researchers interested in complication of cirrhosis, by also to those clinicians—whether they be gastroenterologists, transplant hepatologists, nephrologists, or internists—caring for patients with liver disease.” Each chapter is filled with relevant tables, figures, and an inclusive listing of references. Finally, the text concludes with a comprehensive subject index. The cost of this text is £99.50.